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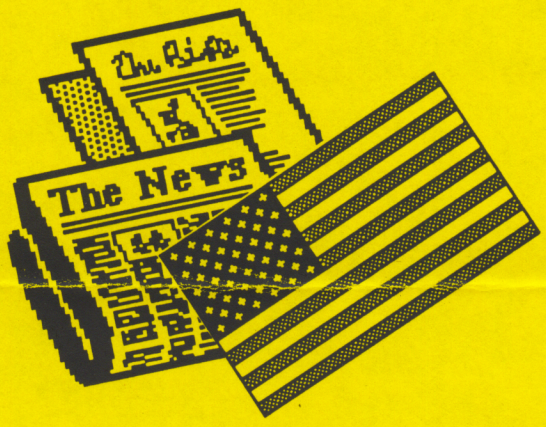

Election Results

Toys-For-Tots
and Auction Antics

Annual Report 1990

Newsletter Advertisements

Personal ads are free to all current members. Please see the editor for details.

Commercial Rates

Full page $35

Half page $25

Quarter page $15

Business card $10

For an additional $10 per full page or $5 per partial page, you can request that your ad be placed on the inside front or back cover or the center-page spread. This service is first come, first serve.

Ads must be camera ready. Submission deadline for ad copy is the first of the month prior to publication date. That is, November 1 will be the deadline for your ad to appear in the December newsletter. Mail copy to the address on the back page, or contact the advertising manager, editor, or Vice President of Communications. Copy received after the deadline will be run the following month. For contract advertisers, if no new ad is received prior to the deadline, the most recent ad will be run.

Newsletter Submissions

Submissions are welcome in any form. It is requested of any 8-bit user that s/he upload articles to the club BBS or furnish a disk or hard copy to the editor.

Meeting Information

10:00 - 11:00 8-bit SIG
11:00 - 11:30 .....Disk Sales
11:30 - 12:00 .....Main Meeting
12:00 - 12:30 .....New users SIG
.....Newsletter Exchange SIG
12:30 - 2:00.....ST SIG

Infomart Directions

From North Dallas, take either Stemmons (I-35E) or the Dallas North Tollway south. From Stemmons, take the Oak Lawn exit, turn east, and park at the Infomart. If you are using the tollway, exit right on Wycliff, go left on Harry Hines Blvd. to Oak lawn, and turn right. From the south, take Stemmons north, then follow above directions. Infomart is the big, white, steel and glass building south of the other 'marts. GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!!

Editorial Policy

The Dal-ACE editorial staff reserves the right to edit your submission for spelling, punctuation, grammar, clarity, and for reasons of space limitations.

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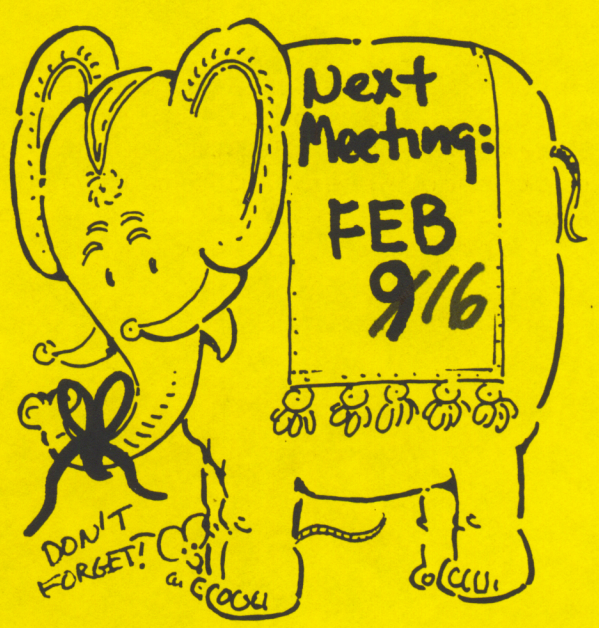

8-BIT: DECEMBER

Basically, everyone was gearing up for the auction, and so we did not have an 8-Bit Sig to write about. Members slowly straggled in about time for the main meeting.

MAIN MEETING

Jim, as outgoing interim president, called the meeting to order. There was a new face in our small crowd and we welcomed the visitor who said he had two 8-bit machines at home. Let's all be sure to make the new recruits welcome.

Rene, our outgoing Treasurer gave us the budget report (see DOLLAR$ & ENE)
and told everyone "I've enjoyed it and will continue to have a high interest in the club, but want to relax and enjoy being on the other side of the officers' table for a while. Rene, by the way, brought us the delicious donuts and hot coffee. Thank you, Rene. She may need someone to take over these duties as well, so we are taking volunteers. You are reimbursed, by the way.

Harold Lewis, outgoing Secretary said, "I appreciated being the secretary for Dal-Ace, but my job must come first, so I'm having to step down. I feel I'v done a good job and wish I could do more."

Dave Gramm: "Someone else needs to share in the fun this year!"

Jim Jackson thanked everyone for their enthusiasm during his short reign, for their support and their friendship. He added that schooling was taking up more time than he had anticipated and that for a while, he would be a member in-absentia.

As we all said a grateful goodbye to our loyal and hardworking officers, we moved on to the business of when our next meeting would be.

Jim Saunders said that our next three meetings would be:

January 5
February 9/16
March 9/16

Jay Wimmers' suggestion to have Dal-Ace funds pay for the upgrade to the BBS was voted upon and passed.

Then the fun began! The campaign speeches were most spirited between Marc Salas and Tim Mixon along the lines and accusations in the Richards/Williams style. You folks missed a hum-dinger and they both gained the enthusiastic applause from the audience making pre-poll forcasts impossible. For results, see UNDER THE DAL-ACE BANNER.

The auction for Toys for Tots brought in over $300.00. Thanks to everyone for bidding hysteria! We had a great time, didn't we! (see PUT YOUR HAND DOWN SANDRA!)

Dal-Ace

Treasurer's Report

DALACE RECIEPTS FOR DEC.,1990

Recieved from	Checks	Cash
8-bit disk sales		
ST disk sales		
Dues	60.00	60.00
Advertisements		
Other	5.59	357.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	65.59	417.00
SALES TAXPAYABLE	0.00	0.00
NET INCOME	65.59	417.00

DALACE EXPENSES FOR DEC.,1990

Paid to:	By: Check/	Cash
PRINTING	35.72	
POSTAGE		
SUPPLIES		
TELEPHONE		
STATE TAX		
FED.TAX		
REFRESHMENTS		
MISC.	7.00	342.00
Sub-total	42.72	342.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	384.72	

SUMMARY		
	INCOME:	482.59
	EXPENSES:	384.72
	GAIN(LOSS	97.87

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QUARTER	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	YEAR
INCOME					
DUES	280.00	180.00	160.00	120.00	740.00
DISK SALE	74.00	48.00	30.00	30.00	182.00
AD SALE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER	0.00	314.00	0.00	21.34	335.34
					0.00
TOTAL	354.00	542.00	190.00	171.34	1257.34
EXPENSES					
PRINTING					
NWSLETR	0.00	233.46	216.92	110.63	561.01
OTHER	0.00	14.02	0.00	0.00	14.02
LIBRARYS					
DISK PRC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUPPLYS	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
TELEPHONE					
BBS	57.12	38.00	62.51	0.00	157.63
OTHER					
TAXES/FEE	163.02	0.00	28.00	0.00	191.02
SLS TX PD	93.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.20
POSTAGE	0.00	1.90	70.00	25.00	96.90
MISC.	128.52	113.00	0.00	22.62	264.14
TOTALS	441.86	400.38	377.43	183.25	1402.92

BANK BALANCE	01/01/90	1328.46
BANK BALANCE	12/31/90	1182.88
DIFFERENCE		145.58
TOTAL INCOME		1257.34
TOTAL EXPENSES		1402.92
INCOME(LOSS)		-145.58

CASH ON HAND 26.15

UNDER THE DAL-ACE BANNER

Results from the December 8th officer elections are as follows:

President: Marc Salas

Vice Pres: Jay Wimmers

Sec/Treasurer: Bill Hanna

V.P. Commun. Sandra Hanna

Members at Large
Randy Smith
Debra Wimmers
Harold Lewis
John Guy
Scott Cray

John and Scott were last-minute candidates.

DOLLAR$ AND CENT$

Rene was right ! There can be a lot of fun to be had in this job! Yes, I know, it's only once a year, but going down to the toy store and blowing a big wad on toys-for-tots WAS a blast. Sandy, Sierra, Rene, and I all had a great time ! We bought fuzzy stuffed animals to cars to telescopes. Had two VERY large boxes of toys to take down to Channel 8 to drop off, which we did that evening.

Oh, well, back to the more mundane business of business. We took in $482.59 at the Dec. meeting. $342 of this was in the toys-for-tots auction, $120 in renuals, the remainder in disk sales, postal refund, and misc. Our expenses were $342 for toys, $35.72 for the newsletter, and $7 for refreshments, for a gain of $97.87. Appended you will find the Dec., 4th.quarter, and yearly reports.

Bill Hanna

PUT YOUR HAND DOWN SANDRA!

Despite the small turn-out, Dal-Ace members showed their Christmas spirit. Here's a brief run-down of some of the great stuff you guys missed out on!

Newsroom $23.00
Raceway Construction Set $8.00
Xaxon $2.00
Atari Mag collection: $2.00*
64K XE game system: $35.00
Lunar Raiders and Moon Trip $4.00

BEST BUY: $1.00 - computer cover acquired by the Wimmer household.

BEST STEAL: $6.00 - IBM compatable DOS 2.3 IN SHRINKWRAP!!! acquired by Tim Mixon.

BETSY THE MONITOR: - $26.00 To Jeff Golden fiercely bid against by Sierra Hanna. There was a conference between the two afterward. When they were asked the nature of the meeting, this reporter received a 'no comment'. It is assumed that negotiations for a buy-out were underway.

RIDICULOUS EXPLAINATION: "Group of plastic 'computer warriors' to add realism to your gaming"-actually two plastic indians, two oriental army guys, and a cowboy. $4.00 to Sandra Hanna. (see what we mean?)

*soon to be added to our newzine library.

To BBS Or Not To BBS
(sorry about that title, I couldn't help myself)

Should Dal-ACE have a club supported BBS or not? There are some user groups who don't think it's a good idea to have a club supported bulletin board. AUNT happens to be one of those groups.

There are many reasons they might feel that way. Some of the possible reasons are the expense of the equipment, the man hours it takes to operate it, the fear of liability to the group if anything untoward happens on the board like dirty language or pirated files, or even just a lack of interest in tele-computing.

Despite those negative aspects there are many good reasons why a users group should run a club supported BBS. Exposure to the computing community, getting the word out on your user group, is one value of having a bulletin board. It also gives the members of the group a place for interaction and discussion in between the monthly meetings. A club run board is a good place to get technical help with and information on your computer, not to mention software. Besides, a bulletin board can be just plain fun!

Have you tried the games on Dal-ACE lately? I personally feel that it's very important for a user group to have a BBS, although maybe less so in a city like Dallas where we are blessed with many good local bulletin boards. Can you imagine living out in the boonies where the only phone numbers you can dial with your computer are all long distance? Another good thing about a club BBS is that because it's operated by a user group you can count on it being a family oriented place, meaning that you don't usually have to worry about things like foul language or if the SysOp has copyrighted software on the board. All in all I think having a club supported BBS is a good idea (and not just because I'm the SysOp) and I urge all off the members to call Dal-ACE Atari One BBS often and support the board.

Happy modeming!

Dal-ACE Atari One SysOp,
Jay J. Wimmers

A Letter From the Vice-President

First of all, I'd like to say "Thank You" for voting for me to be the Vice-President of Dal-ACE. I think we got a good group for the club officers at last months elections, and I'm looking forward to working with them to try and make Dal-ACE the best users group it can be. I'm not sure which direction the club should take to accomplish that goal, so I am open to any and all suggestions from the rest of the club officers and of course all the members. One thing I would like to see is for us to try and increase the membership somewhat. I'm sure there are a lot of Atari owners (8-bit and ST) that could benefit from joining our group. But even if we don't get ANY new members I won't be too worried because I think the members we do have are a very enthusiastic and fun group of folks. If you would like to get in touch with me and discuss anything about Atari computers or if you have any suggestions or gripes about the club you can call me at home (after 7:00, before 11:30 please) at (214) 231-8050. Or you can get in touch with me on the club BBS (SysOp or Driver 8) at (214) 231-7746.

Let's Have a Great Year!

Vice-President,

Jay J.Wimmers

DALACE VOLUNTEERS

EDITOR:

Sandra Hanna 262-0196

Ad Manager: OPEN

BBS Sysop: Jay Wimmers 231-8050

Librarians: 8-BIT- John Saunders

(817)-566-0318

ST: Debbie Wimmers

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24 HOURS

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Jay Wimmers 231-8050

SECRETARY:

Bill Hanna 262-0196

TREASURER:

Bill Hanna 262-0196

V-PRES. COMMUNICATIONS:

Sandra Hanna 262-0196

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Scott Cray

John Guy 613-4559

Harold Lewis 298-1734

Randy Smith 224-7236

Debbie Wimmers 231-8050

WHEN YOU NEED HELP...

8-BIT: Donny Arnold 980-4245

before 10 p.m.

Ron King (817)283-0674

from 5-10 p.m.

Rene Tucker 223-6176

ST: Ralph Tenny 235-4035

from 7-10 p.m.

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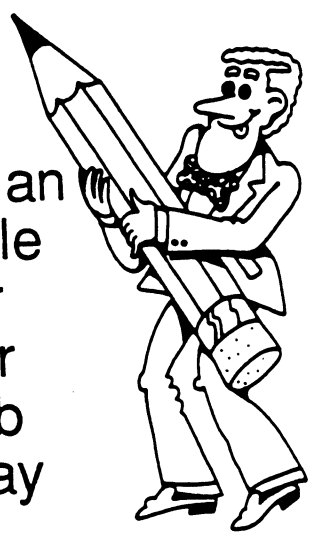

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